IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

MONDAY, THE 3RD DECEMBER 2007 / 12TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 32044 of 2007(M)

PETITIONER:

PAUL JOSEPH, S/O. JOSEPH,
AGED 38 YEARS, RESIDING AT PUTHUSSERY HOUSE,
PAMPAKUDA P.O., MUVATTUPUZHA TALUK.

BY ADV. SRI.S.K.AJAY KUMAR
SRI.JOSE SEBASTIAN VAZHAPPILLY

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ERNAKULAM.

2. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

R2 BY ADV. SRI.K.PRABHAKARAN, SC, K.S.R.T.C.
R1 BY GOVT. PLEADER SRI I.V.PRAMOD.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 03/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

W.P.(C) 32044 OF 2007

Dated: December 3, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioner, who is the claimant in O.P.(MV) 144/1995 in which the MACT, Pathanamthitta, has passed Ext.P1 award, has filed this petition for directing the 2nd respondent to comply with the award. By Ext.P1, compensation was awarded, but till date, the amount has not been deposited and hence the writ petition.

2. Since the award has become final and binding between the parties, I see no justification for the continued delay in depositing the amount. Financial constraints cannot be a reason for such inordinate delay in complying with a binding judicial verdict.

Therefore, I dispose of this writ petition directing that the 2nd respondent shall deposit the amount awarded by the Tribunal in Ext.P1 award as expeditiously as possible and, at any rate, within two months from the date of production of a copy of this judgment.

ANTONY DOMINIC
JUDGE

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